



FPS NEWS

OPENING OF PAARL FPS

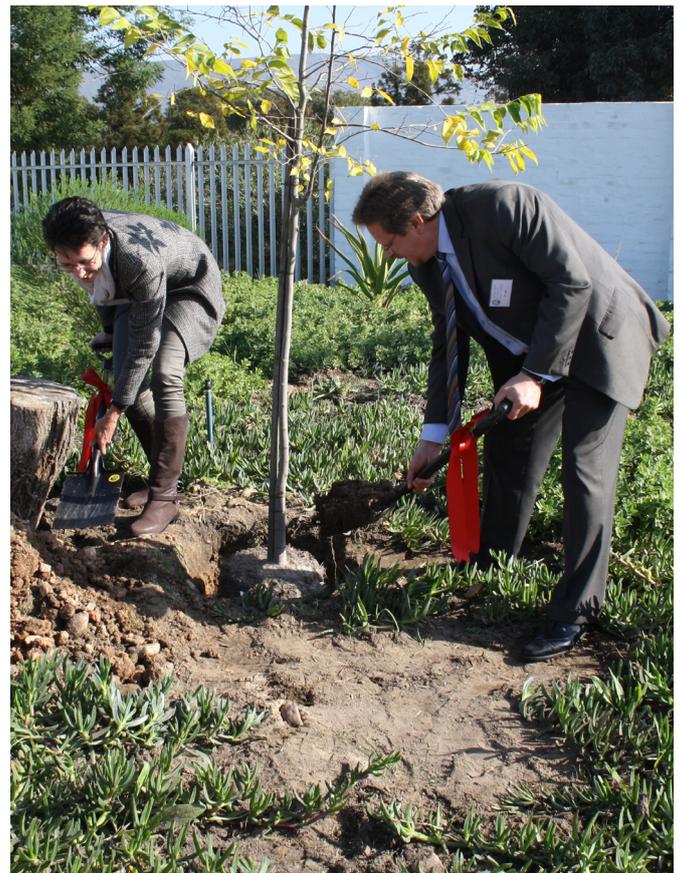


The new Paarl Forensic Pathology Lab

The newly constructed Forensic Pathology Laboratory in Paarl was officially opened on 10 June 2011. This new facility complements the expansion of health facilities in the Winelands, with the official opening of the Emergency Unit at Paarl Hospital last year and the Community Health Centre to be opened later this year. Built at a cost of R17 million, the new facility was tailor-built for the particular needs of the local community.

In his address, Minister Botha said the Western Cape Provincial Government has prioritised the expansion of facilities to be situated closer to communities. "The location of this laboratory was carefully selected to be accessible for the people of Paarl East and surrounding areas. Its proximity to Paarl Hospital, which is also undergoing significant upgrades at present, will enhance and strengthen the quality of health services to the people of the Winelands." The new facility has a larger waiting area and much improved storage facilities, as well as a more spacious dissection area with upgraded technological equipment.

Interview facilities have been designed to offer more privacy. To date, the Provincial Department of Transport and Public Works has completed five Forensic Pathology Laboratories in the Western Cape-namely Hermanus, George, Malmesbury, Worcester and Paarl. Another Forensic Pathology Laboratory is under construction in Beaufort West, while similar laboratories at Groote Schuur Hospital will replace the Salt River Mortuary, Riversdale in the Southern Cape, is also in the planning stages.



Dr Beth Engelbrecht and Minister Theuns Botha planting a tree at the opening of Paarl Forensic Pathology Services

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL



Ryan Clayton- Inspector of Anatomy for the Western Cape Forensic Pathology Service

An interesting chat with Ryan Clayton revealed the man behind the title. He is an Inspector of Anatomy at the Forensic Pathology Services around the Western Cape Department of Health. Clayton has been with this department for few months to carry the mammoth task of ensuring that FPS facilities comply with rules and regulations. He went into detail about himself and his job;

What is the Provincial Inspector of Anatomy?

It is a statutory appointment within Human Tissue Act. The main functions of Inspector is to ensure compliance in regards to handling, donation, transportation, use, disposal, import and export of human tissue among others.

Daily Functions

Inspect facilities in the province for legal compliance with regards to Human Tissue Act, National Health Act and related legislations. Conduct inspections at funeral undertakers, transplant units, fertility clinics and university departments.

Education

Western Cape College of Nursing (general, community, psychiatry and accoucheur)
St Johns Ambulance (Instructor certificate Programme, training monitoring)
University of the Western Cape (Language and communications
Assessment College (Generic Assessment),

Accredited assessor of training standards and procedures within the workplace environment.

Crisis Care (Basic Ilfe Support and Advance Cardiovacular Life Support)

Cape Pensinsula University of Technology (Bachelor of Technology, Occupational Health and Safety, Management and Research)



**Mr T. Mpahlaza
DD: Boland Overberg Region**

Worcester Birthday Club had a birthday celebration on 15 June 2011 at Worcester Facility for three of its employees namely, Lindisipho Elmot Belu(Groundsman), Forensic Officer John Ruben Lukas and Thembaletu Mpahlaza the Deputy Director for Forensic Pathology Service in the Boland Overberg Region.

Thembaletu Mpahlaza joined Western Cape FPS on 1 May 2008. The birthday celebrations were long overdue but because of limited space at the previous facility, they could not host them. Our new facility is now spacious which will contribute to strengthen our team spirit, and wellness of personnel. They intend to establish a regional Birthday Club where all regional staff members will meet.

CELEBRATING SERVICE EXCELLENCE

TYGERBERG FPS

Graag wil ons, as bedroefde familie, ons opregte dank uitspreek teenoor u en u kollegas vir professionele, goeie, flinke en onbaatsugtige(selfless) diens en bystand tydens ons verlies op Saterdag 19 Maart 2011.

Ons vra dat u ook ons opregte dank aan u kollegas sal oordra. Mag u en u kollegas voortbou vir die taak waartoe u verbind is en mag u net hoogtes bereik vir die diens wat u verrig.

Mag u n wonderlike dag ervaar.

Groete

Mr. Marius Coetzee
Facilty Manager/ Transport Officer
Gene Louw Traffic Training College.



Tygerberg Forensic Pathology Laboratory

IN PROGRESS: Beaufort West Forensic Lab



Construction of the Beaufort West Forensic Pathology Laboratory is progressing well. The building will accommodate administrative and public areas, dissection facility and refrigeration storage for approximately 65 bodies.

The percentage time elapsed on the contract to date (including the 2010 Builders Holiday) is 39% and the Progress made to date is at 34%. Practical Completion (Contract) is set for 09 December 2011 whereas Final Completion is estimated on 27 February 2012 with snag and clean to follow.

The Contractor (who was also the Principal Contractor on the Forensic Science Lab, Plattekloof project) is confident that they will be finished by November 2011 and based on the progress made on site in the past few months, this is a definite probability.

PERFORMANCE AND CASE-LOAD GRAPHS

